

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 is pending in the application.

Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,132,164 to Moriya et al. ("Moriya '164") or U.S. Patent No. 5,256,472 to Moriya et al. ("Moriya '472").

Claim 1 recites that a base layer has a thickness of about 0.8 mm to about 5 mm and a surface layer has a thickness of about 5 $\mu$ m to about 500  $\mu$ m.

In contrast, both Moriya '164 and Moriya '472 (collectively, "Moriya") disclose a fluorine resin type weather resistant film comprising a front surface layer and a rear surface layer. *See* Abstract of Moriya '164; Abstract of Moriya '472. Moriya discloses that the thickness of the film is 10 to 150  $\mu$ m. *Id.*

Applicants respectfully submit that the thickness of the film disclosed in Moriya is different from the thickness of the claimed resin plate. Converting the thickness disclosed in Moriya into units of millimeters, Moriya provides that the thickness of its fluorine resin type weather resistant film is 0.010 mm to 0.150 mm. Such a thickness, as disclosed in Moriya, is less than minimal thickness of the claimed resin plate, as claim 1 recites that the base layer has a thickness of about 0.8 mm to about 5 mm and that the surface layer has a thickness of about 5 $\mu$ m to about 500  $\mu$ m. In this regard, Moriya fails to describe or suggest the thickness of the claimed resin plate.

In an effort to advance the prosecution, Applicants respectfully submit that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify the thickness of the fluorine

resin type weather resistant film to the thickness of the resin plate recited in claim 1. Moriya discloses that the film thereof is used to laminate the surfaces of plastic, rubber, metal plate, glass, wood, slate or other substrate, for the purpose of protecting or decorating the surface. *See*, col. 1, lines 7-17 of Moriya '164; col. 1, lines 10-20 of Moriya '472. The proposed modification cannot render the prior art unsatisfactory for its intended purpose. MPEP § 2143.01 (V). In the present case, an increase in the thickness of the film disclosed in Moriya to about 0.8 mm to about 5 mm would result in a film unsuitable to laminate the surfaces of plastic, rubber, metal plate, glass, wood, slate or other substrate, for the purpose of protecting or decorating the surface. In this regard, a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated modify the thickness of the film thereof to the thickness provided by the claimed resin plate.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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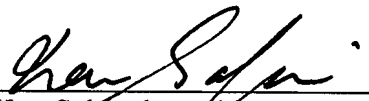
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